

**Local Agency Formation Commission
Of Modoc County
Regular Meeting**

Minutes of June 10, 2014

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Dederick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers, Alturas City Hall. Commissioners Allan, Alves, Shea Irvin, and Dederick were present. Commissioner Alternate Davis is also present.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer and Stephanie Wellemeyer, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Alves made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Shea. In favor: Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve at this time.

4. Correspondence

Executive Officer Benoit has nothing to report at this time. Commissioner Alves reports she touched base with Lassen on the Likely/Madeline fire departments. She reports that she sent out letters to the Lassen County Board and CAO so she hopes to hear back from them.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Bylaw Amendment regarding regular meeting times of the Commission:

- a. Consider Resolution 2014-0004, A Bylaw Amendment changing the regular meeting time of the Commission from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Commissioner Shea questions whether changing the time will prevent public from coming. Commissioner Alves states with her years in public service she has found that people will attend if they really want to.

Commissioner Allan made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0004, A Bylaw Amendment changing the regular meeting time of the Commissioner from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Irvin. In favor: Unanimous.

7. 2014-2015 Final LAFCo Budget

- a. Receive Executive Officer's report, conduct public hearing and consider resolution 2014-0005 adopting a final budget for 2014-2015.*

Chairman Dederick opens the public hearing at 4:09 p.m.

Executive Officer Benoit reports they went through the budget phase in April and there weren't any changes. He developed the final budget after that meeting. The Calafco dues were increased this year. He would like to get us a new webpage that is more versatile. He has been working on it himself, but he would like to see a better setup at some point and will be working on that.

Chairman Dederick closes the public hearing at 4:12 p.m.

Commissioner Irvin made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0005, approving the final budget for 2014-2015; seconded by Commissioner Allan. In favor: Unanimous.

8. Ratify Claims for April 2014 and Authorize Payment of Claims for May 2014.

- a. Approve payment of expenses for April 2014 and May 2014*

Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve payment of expenses for April 2014 and May 2014; seconded by Commissioner Allan. In favor: Unanimous.

9. Calafco Staff Workshop Report – April 2014

Executive Officer Benoit reported this was the 30th Annual Workshop but that there is always something new. He started with personal develop training similar to that with the Forest Service. He reported that legislation is going through to allow LAFCo a foot in the door to regulate JPAs. He has no clue how that will work. If we request info, JPAs must provide that info. We do regulate the districts in JPAs so he doesn't think we should do this as well as it is redundant. We will just have to see how that goes.

In regards to the lawsuit for not doing Service Reviews, Shasta County tried to do a demure but the court disagreed. He will watch to see how much the attorney fees will be on that case. The new Executive Director for Shasta is trying to get 10 years of work done in a very short time.

He then continues to discuss the Calafco workshop stating that they have a session on the History of LAFCo which had a lot of younger folks, but a few of the older members were present. There was a speaker on global warming, but he didn't attend that. LAFCo Clerks are working on a Clerk's Manual, but everybody does things differently so he's curious to see what they agree to. There was a session with the Board of Equalization and they are getting more involved with processing though they are still backlogged. The last session was with Legislative Analysts to review legislative bills, which he felt was a good discussion to see what is going on.

10. Executive Officer's Monthly Report

Agreement between Likely and Madeline Fire Depts.

Resource Conservation Districts Service Review – Consider Review at the August 12, 2014 LAFCo meeting

City of Alturas Annexation Request – Status

South Fork Irrigation District – Follow up

Executive Officer Benoit briefly discusses the fire departments stating that they are waiting on input from Lassen. The RCD's Service Reviews will start in August. Tomorrow he will meet with Central Modoc and Surprise Valley to discuss consolidation.

Commissioner Shea reports that North Cal-Neva RC&D started in Surprise Valley and the Chairman was also on the RCD. At the last meeting in Susanville for the RC&D, he was asked for a waiver of the fee for consolidation for Central Modoc and Surprise Valley. Executive Officer Benoit will bring this back at another meeting since they can't vote on this tonight.

Commissioner Alves asks what the fees would be. Executive Officer Benoit reports consolidation deposits are \$5,000, but they are looking into some alternative ideas. He will bring that back next meeting.

The Annexation needs to move forward, he has been speaking with Joe Picotte about this. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 18th to discuss negotiations.

He has spoken with Mr. McGarva from the South Fork Irrigation District and he will talk to the lawyer to look into changing to a Water District.

14. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

Commissioner Allan asks about the ambulance district and what happens next. Executive Officer Benoit reports the committee will meet Thursday and discuss options. One alternative is that Mayers Memorial is considering an Annexation again but if it goes to vote then voters will vote not landowners and they could pay a lot more. He would like to take a committee member to that meeting and see where it goes.

Clerk Wellemeyer states they could put it on the November ballot.

Commissioner Alternate Davis reports that with a few more months of education they might get it to pass in November, however, they may lose startup costs but that is speculation. He was approached by a tribal entity interested in putting an ambulance in the Valley, but they have no way to run it. He'll know more after Thursday's meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Commission; Commissioner Allan made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Shea. In favor: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.